

CHAPTER 9 MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION/AWARENESS

9.1 OVERVIEW

The Desired Condition for Banks Lake, referred to as Alternative B in the EA, was chosen to address the long-term needs of the public and Banks Lake management agencies by supporting the natural, cultural, and recreational resources of the area. Specific management goals outlined in the RMP were developed in response to concerns identified during the EA scoping process and based on information from the EA resource inventory. The following chapter summarizes the existing Public Information/Awareness management situation, lists the Public Information/Awareness goals for Banks Lake under the Desired Condition, and describes the management actions needed to reach those goals.

9.2 EXISTING PUBLIC INFORMATION/AWARENESS MANAGEMENT SITUATION

As previously mentioned, the SPRC and the WDFW manage the Banks Lake area with oversight by Reclamation's Ephrata, Washington, field office. These agencies manage land use, recreation, and fish and wildlife resources under existing federal and state laws, policies and land use agreements including those defined in Chapter 3 of this plan, Agency Coordination and Standards. Currently, the SPRC and WDFW are conducting the following cultural resource management activities in the Banks Lake area:

Public Information/Awareness

- 1) Provide managed access, turnouts, signage, and/or interpretive displays to enhance "Watchable Wildlife" viewing opportunities at the following three locations.
 - Dry Falls Dam
 - North Dam
 - Near Million \$ Mile South Day-Use Area and Boat Launch

9.3 DESIRED CONDITION

The following management actions were developed to achieve the Desired Condition for Public Information/Awareness resources in the Banks Lake area and are meant as additions to the existing resource management activities. Table 9.1 summarize the Public Information/Awareness resource goals and management actions necessary to implement them.

Table 9.1
Public Information/Awareness Management
Goals and Actions for Public Information/Awareness

RMP Public Information/Awareness Goals	Management Actions
<p>Provide appropriate information and educational materials to increase public awareness of recreational opportunities, use restrictions, safety concerns, and natural and cultural resources.</p>	<p>Emphasize Public Education - While demands on recreational uses will continue to increase, public education will likely lead to less user conflicts, a decrease in the destruction of wildlife and riparian habitats, and an increase in safety standards (see Recreation Resources - Recreation).</p> <p>Develop “Watchable Wildlife” sites - Develop “Watchable Wildlife” sites in concert with the statewide Watchable Wildlife Program administered by the Washington Department of Transportation and WDFW (see Recreation - Other Recreational-Related Activities).</p> <p>Trash Policy - Promote “pack-in/pack-out” waste management in visitor brochures located in the Visitor Information Center and post signs throughout the management area(see Recreation - Dispersed Camping).</p> <p>Develop Interpretive Program - Develop a public education and interpretive program, in the Northrup Canyon Natural Area, to increase the public’s awareness of Banks Lake natural resources, management problems and concerns, and the area’s high desert environment and fragility. The interpretive program envisioned will focus on the area’s unique plant communities, geology, wildlife, and historic/cultural features.</p> <p>Post Signs - Install signs and provide information (i.e., pamphlets, maps, and displays) to advise visitors of recreation opportunities, management policies, regulations/restrictions, road closures, etc. in the management area.</p> <p>Provide Signs - Provide signs to all developed and “designated” dispersed recreation areas at key road intersections, and illustrate available access routes on public information maps (see Recreation - Dispersed Camping and Developed Recreation).</p> <p>Develop a Visitor Guide/Map - Develop an overall visitor guide/map for the Banks Lake area. The guide will be a useful tool to direct visitors to designated boat-in camping areas, dispersed camping areas, developed recreation area facilities and services, points of interest, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide information on motorized travel restrictions (i.e., permanent and seasonal road closures) and other

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	applicable regulations; and guidance on the proper disposal of human wastes, pack-in/pack-out, fire use, and camping etiquette.
Determine the success of the management action, reevaluate how well the action met the goal, determine the success of management action.	Monitor and Evaluate - Monitor and evaluate the success of the management action; if necessary, adjust the specific methods and techniques employed when an initiative is not meeting the RMP goal. Follow up with spatial monitoring using GIS to manage the natural resource database and assist in management decisions by conducting a GIS update, across the management area, at least every 10 years.

*Management actions that are included in response to existing laws, regulatory requirements, management agreements, or Reclamation policy.